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### Church Development

Director of Church Development Mark Gough said his teams' marching order is "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

He outlined two goal areas of emphasis his team of associates would be joining him in accomplishing—new faith communities and church revitalization.

New faith communities will include establishing: two new congregations, five new off-site congregations or second campuses, 50 new worship services, four relocations to improve the outreach and ministry of these congregations and four vital mergers that would result in stronger congregations than the efforts of individual congregations.

### Rethink campus ministry: Shaping futures together

If you were asked if you thought the spiritual and leadership development of today's college students were important, considering that these students will be our church and community leaders of tomorrow, you would probably say, "Yes!" If you were asked if you would be willing to help make sure a young college student felt welcomed and accepted away from home for the first time, you would probably say, "Yes!" If you were asked if you wanted to

change a life for the better by sharing the love of Christ, you would probably say, "Yes!" Now, imagine with your support of campus ministry, all these things happen every day!

As the new Indiana Conference has become a living reality, we have undergone a shift in how we support and connect to ministries beyond congregations.

Campus ministry is a mission field. On campuses today we are shaping and guiding our future leaders, the future pastors of your churches and your future civic leaders. We have fantastic ministries in eight communities on eleven college campuses in Indiana that are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and these are your ministries. They exist with your support, not just financially, but in your prayers and in making connections with students from your congregations.

Today, we ask our congregations to engage in the mission fields of our college campuses, to invest not only just in our college students today but also in the future of our church. We hope that you will support both the February offering and perhaps more importantly, will invest in ongoing relationships with our campus ministries.

For more information on campus ministry in Indiana, visit [www.inumc.org/campusministry](http://www.inumc.org/campusministry).



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## New conference center opens for service



Indiana Bishop Mike Coyner (far left) welcomed and led the entire Indiana Conference Center Staff in a morning orientation session as they came together on Monday, Jan. 4. INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Bishop Mike Coyner welcomed the 32 members of the new Indiana Conference Center staff on Monday, Jan. 4 during a one-day orientation session for all center employees.

This was the very first day of conference employment for five of the staff members. Other staff members either continued in their previous positions or have come onboard as conference employees since the former Indiana Area staff moved into the third-floor suite in late-October at 301 Pennsylvania Parkway on the south edge of Carmel.

The office was open for service on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

At the same time, nine of the ten new Indiana Conference District Centers opened for service across Indiana from Laporte to Evansville. The new Southeast District Center in Columbus opened temporarily at First United Methodist Church in Columbus instead of its intended United Way location. A massive fire gutted the United Way of Bartholomew County building on Christmas Eve and Christmas day, which housed 37 not-for-profit and government-related agencies including the Southeast District Center.

In his opening remarks, Coyner reminded all staff members that the mission of the Indiana Conference is "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." He told staff members that he and they, form the new conference by:

- ◆ Living like a disciple of Jesus by following the Three Simple Rules;

- ◆ Creating a staff environment based upon healthy Christian spirituality;
- ◆ Offering to everyone who calls or who comes into this Conference Center a spirit of hospitality and helpfulness;
- ◆ Keeping in mind our mission of making disciples.

The address of the Indiana Conference Center is 301 Pennsylvania Parkway, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46280. The phone number is 317-924-1321. Detailed information about the Conference Center staff is available on the conference Web site at [www.inumc.org](http://www.inumc.org).

## Rural Converse church harnesses wind to generate electricity

CONVERSE, Ind. – When the wind blows hard across the open spaces of central Indiana, roof shingles fly, backyard sheds blow into nearby fields and in the winter months, water pipes freeze and burst open.

“We ought to make use of that wind,” thought George Kilmer. He’s a member of Richland Chapel United Methodist Church northeast of Converse, Ind., in the middle of the state where the land is flat and the wind blows constantly.



Standing in front of Richland Chapel’s newly acquired electrical-generator turbine are (left-to-right) Tom and Pauline Kratzer, George Kilmer, Earl Brown and Pastor Carolyn Mikesell.

The dream of harnessing that wind to drive an electric-generating turbine at church came to Kilmer a couple of years ago. He heard his Nebraska in-laws talk about saving 60 percent on electric bills after they had built a 100-foot-high turbine on their farm. Kilmer said if a turbine was good enough for a farm, it would be good enough for his open-country church.

His dream was fulfilled Dec. 12 when this open-country church turned on its recently installed 30-foot high and four-feet wide Windspire turbine generator. It has blades which look something like a giant kitchen-mixer beater. The manufacturer promises the 1200 watt unit will generate 2,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year with only a 12 mile-per-hour wind. It’s almost virtually silent and the wind in central Indiana usually blows much faster than 12 mph.

The Windspire is made by Mariah Power ([www.mariapower.com](http://www.mariapower.com)) of Reno, Nev., manufactured by Mas-Tech Manufacturing in Manistee, Mich., and distributed in Indiana by Northwest Geothermal of DeMotte, Ind. It only took the church one month from the time it ordered the unit to the time it was delivered for installation. Recycling and saving energy has become a part of life at Richland Chapel. The church recycles everything from paper to plastic and is fortunate to have two community recycling sites close to its building.

## Health Ministry workshops to be held in Fort Wayne

The Indiana Conference and Community Health Network are partnering to promote health ministry and

parish nursing across Indiana. As a result of a recent UMCOR grant, we are pleased to offer a health ministry workshop for the Northeast and East Districts.

This class is open to all parishioners and pastors who are interested in including health ministry as a part of your church mission outreach. Take this opportunity to send several interested members.

The workshops will be held Feb. 4 and 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Covenant United Methodist Church, 1001 Coldwater Road in Fort Wayne, Ind. 46825 ([www.covenantumc.net](http://www.covenantumc.net)).

A continental breakfast and lunch will be included. Attendees will need to commit to both days. Cost is \$10 per person and needs to be included with the initial registration form. Checks need to be made payable to Community Health Network. The deadline for registration is Jan. 21.

Mail to Sherry McIntyre, Health Ministries/Parish Nursing, Community Health Network, 1500 N. Ritter, Bldg. #4, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

## Partnering key to new direction in conference ministries

Partnering is key to the Indiana Conference’s role in relating to its ten new districts and more than 1,200 congregations, according to conference leaders.

North District Superintendent Cindy Reynolds, chairperson of Indiana’s 10-district cabinet, said that the new conference will be living out the philosophy set forth in the Imagine Indiana planning that led to the creation of the new conference.

“We need to stay purpose driven, live out horizontal initiatives serving



Cabinet chair Cindy Reynolds discusses strategies with Associate Director of Church Development Ed Fernstemacher during the first meeting between the Indiana Cabinet and Indiana Conference staff members.

and working side-by-side as partners in leadership development, planning and implementation of conference goals,” Reynolds said during the first meeting of the new cabinet with directors and associate directors. “Ministry is not top down but in the ministry clusters.”

During a two-hour session Dec. 10 with Connectional Ministries and Congregational Development areas, directors and associate directors explained the emphasis of their areas and what their ministries would be focusing on as the new conference serves congregations across Indiana. They met with Bishop Mike Coyner and nine of the ten conference superintendents. North Central District Superintendent Frank Beard was on professional leave and not present at this meeting.

## Connectional Ministries

Director of Connectional Ministries, Jim Bushfield, outlined major areas his team would be working with as they begin.

Collectively, Connectional Ministries includes the areas of discipleship; missions and advocacy; youth, young adult and campus ministries; clergy services; camping; media resource center; diversity training and safe sanctuary;